

We Claim:

1. A light display apparatus for an infant monitor receiver or transmitter, the light display apparatus comprising:

a plurality of individual light sources; and

a plurality of elongated light transmitting portions, each of the light transmitting portions including a first end, a second end, and an exterior surface, the exterior surface being positioned between the first end and the second end, and each of the elongated light transmitting portions being associated with only one of the light sources at its first end such that the illumination of one of the light sources transmits light through an associated elongated light transmitting portion from its first end to its second end and radiates light outward from its exterior surface.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elongated light transmitting portions are adapted to be sequentially illuminated.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elongated light transmitting portions are arranged in a radial pattern.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elongated light transmitting portions are curvilinear in shape.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the illumination is in response to an audio signal, the audio signal corresponding to a monitored sound level or intensity.

6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the illumination of each of the light sources is sequential as the monitored sound level or intensity increases.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a light display switch, the light display switch illuminating at least one of the individual light sources in the absence of an audio signal.

8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the elongated light transmitting portions are adapted to be sequentially illuminated.

9. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the elongated light transmitting portions are arranged in a radial pattern.

10. A light display apparatus for an infant monitor receiver or transmitter which includes an antenna mounted to an external portion of a housing, the light display apparatus comprising:

at least one light source; and

at least one elongated light transmitting portion mounted to or forming part of the antenna, the at least one light transmitting portion including a first end, a second end, and an exterior surface, the exterior surface being positioned between the first end and the second end, and the at least one elongated light transmitting portion being associated with the at least one light source at its first end such that the illumination of the at least one light source transmits

light through the associated elongated light transmitting portion from its first end to its second end and radiates light outward from its exterior surface.

11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the at least one elongated light transmitting portion comprises a plurality of elongated light transmitting portions and the at least one light source comprises a plurality of individual light sources, each of the elongated light transmitting portions being associated with only one of the light sources.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the plurality of elongated light transmitting portions are adapted to be sequentially illuminated.

13. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the illumination is in response to an audio signal, the audio signal corresponding to a monitored sound level or intensity.

14. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the illumination of each of the light sources is sequential as the monitored sound level or intensity increases.

15. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:
a light display switch, the light display switch illuminating at least one of the individual light sources in the absence of an audio signal.

16. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the elongated light transmitting portions are adapted to be sequentially illuminated.

17. An infant monitor receiver or transmitter comprising:
a display portion for producing a visual display, the visual display corresponding to a monitored sound level or intensity; and
a visual display switch, the visual display switch activating the visual display in the absence of a monitored sound level or intensity.

18. The monitor receiver or transmitter of claim 17, wherein the visual display portion includes a plurality of light sources, the light sources being adapted to be sequentially illuminated when activated by the visual display switch.

19. The monitor receiver or transmitter of claim 18, wherein the light sources are adapted to be sequentially illuminated in response to an audio signal, the audio signal corresponding to a monitored sound level or intensity.

20. The monitor receiver or transmitter of claim 18, wherein the light sources are arranged in a radial pattern.

21. An infant monitor receiver or transmitter including a variable visual display, the visual display varying in accordance with a monitored sound level or intensity, the infant monitor receiver or transmitter comprising:
means for activating the visual display in the absence of a monitored sound level or intensity.

22. The monitor receiver or transmitter of claim 21, wherein the visual display includes a plurality of light sources, the light sources being adapted to be sequentially illuminated when activated by the means for activating the visual display.

23. The monitor receiver or transmitter of claim 22, wherein the visual display includes a plurality of light sources, the light sources being adapted to be sequentially illuminated in response to an audio signal, the audio signal corresponding to a monitored sound level or intensity.

24. A method of operating an infant monitor receiver or transmitter including a display portion for producing a visual display, the visual display corresponding to a monitored sound level or intensity, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) activating a power switch to activate the infant monitor receiver or transmitter; and
- (b) activating a visual display switch to energize the visual display in the absence of a monitored sound level or intensity.

25. The method of operating an infant monitor receiver or transmitter of claim 24, wherein the visual display portion includes a plurality of light sources, the light sources being adapted to be sequentially illuminated when activated by the visual display switch.

26. The monitor receiver or transmitter of claim 24, wherein the visual display portion includes a plurality of light sources, the light sources being adapted to be sequentially

illuminated in response to an audio signal, the audio signal corresponding to a monitored sound level or intensity.